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Huerta Agrees to First Steps Toward Mediation Between U. S. and Mexico

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS HAVE LITTLE HOPE FOR PEACE

European Diplomats in Capital Pessimistic Over Successful Outcome of Mediation Between United States and Mexico—Great Britain, Germany and France Urge Huerta to Accept Good Offices of Brazil, Chile and Argentina.

LONG CONFERENCES HELD AT WHITE HOUSE

Badger Reports Mexico City Authorities Have Agreed to Provide Transportation for Americans From Capital End of Railroad—Consul Canada and Fletcher Announce Safe Arrival of Many Refugees—All Marines at Vera Cruz Are Detached From Navy to Join Brigadier General Funston's Forces.

Washington, April 27.—Conferences of the Latin-American diplomats representing Brazil, Chile and Argentina, who offered their good offices to compose the Mexican situation, followed quickly today further assuring messages from Mexico City, that General Huerta had agreed to the first steps in the intermediation negotiations.

The Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, was in early conference with the Argentine minister, Dr. Naon, concerning the next move to be made by the mediators and Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, with the Chilean minister, Suarez, and Mr. Naon, held a lengthy conference. Mr. Da Gama, following this conference, called on Secretary of State Bryan and a statement was expected later in the day relating to the next move to be made in the mediation.

Washington, April 27.—European diplomats in Washington, it was learned today, are pessimistic over the successful outcome of mediation proposals by South American governments to prevent war with Mexico. While the action of Great Britain, Germany and France in urging Huerta to accept the good offices proffered by Brazil, Chile and Argentina, has had an encouraging effect on officials here, there are few who believe that success can eventuate from the undertaking.

At 2 o'clock Ambassador Da Gama and Ministers Suarez and Naon ended a prolonged conference as to future procedure in the mediation proposals. Though no announcement was made, it was reported no definite plan for the next move had been determined.

Major General George Barnett, commander of the marine corps announced today that all of the marines at Vera Cruz have been detached from the navy preparatory to being attached to the army forces at that port under Brigadier General Funston.

William W. Canada, the American consul here, was advised today that a refugee train carrying 250 Americans and many other foreigners left Mexico City last night for Vera Cruz.

Messages From Europe.

Soon after Secretary Bryan informed President Wilson of the advances from Mexico City that Huerta had acceded to the preliminary steps in the mediation proposals, further encouragement in the situation came in advices from Berlin that Germany, France and Great Britain had urged Huerta, through their diplomatic representatives in Mexico City, to yield to the American demands. When this was communicated to the president, he was greatly pleased.

Later the German ambassador, Mr. Von Bernstorff, informed Secretary Bryan that his government would support the mediation proposal.

Badger Wires Navy Department.

An official dispatch from Admiral Badger to the navy department declared that the authorities in Mexico City had agreed to provide transportation for all Americans from Mexico City as far as Soledad, the Mexican controlled end of the railroad to Vera Cruz. It also announced that the first train with 250 American refugees would leave Mexico City today.

Announcement was also made today that Mexican refugees, who are being held by this government at Fort Bliss since the battle of Ojinaga, would be transferred to Fort Wingate, New Mexico, in order to get them away from the border where trouble may be expected. It is expected that Brigadier General Bliss will start the movement of the exiles as soon as possible. Mexican soldiers and camp followers at Fort Bliss number 5000 and some difficulty may be experienced in procuring transportation facilities.

Activity continued at the war department during the day, word being expected before night that General Funston and the troops enroute to Vera Cruz had reached their destination.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—A conference has been arranged for this morning between the Spanish minis-

ter, Riano, in charge of Mexican affairs, and Argentine Ambassador Naon, representing the South American countries who have tendered good offices, concerning the acceptance of Senor Riano's advances from Mexico City that Huerta had accepted the proposal, and the subsequent procedure by the three mediators.

No official announcement had been made public up to 10 o'clock today by the Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, who has charge of Mexican affairs in Washington, relating to the acceptance by Huerta of the international mediation proposals. The private advices which had reached him from Mexico City were generally accredited as prophetic. Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, with Ministers Suarez of Chile and Naon of Argentina, who will act as mediators in the international difficulties, should Huerta's anticipated acceptance eventuate, conferred early today and counseled also with diplomatic representatives of other Latin-American republics, who are co-operating unofficially in the preliminary negotiations, which all hope may lead to prevention of war with Mexico.

No Word from Mexico City.

Ambassador Riano reached the embassy early, expecting to receive official advices from Mexico City, but none had reached there.

There was no let-up in the activity of the war making forces of the government today. Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Daniels were both at their offices early awaiting reports from Vera Cruz. All arrangements had been made for the landing of the army forces at Vera Cruz late today, where Brigadier General Funston was to take command of the United States forces on land.

State department officials were encouraged over reports from Mexico as to American refugees. It was stated that practically all of the Americans now in the southern republic were either on their way to the coast, or in places of comparative safety. Several parties of Americans, however, are reported held in various parts of Mexico by federal forces.

All Army Officers Summoned.

To secure immediately the services of all army officers, in addition to the infantry school at Fort Leavenworth, the cavalry school at Fort Riley and the field artillery school at Fort Sill have temporarily been closed by orders from the war department and the officers now under instruction directed to join their commands immediately. Only the engineer school at Washington barracks, the coast artillery school at Fort Monroe and the aviation school at San Diego, Cal., remain open.

French Ambassador Jusserand announced here today that the French legation in Mexico City informed him by telegraph that all Americans in the Mexican capital are safe. The dispatch declared that there had been anti-American demonstrations but that they were not serious and that the city was now quiet.

The Japanese ambassador today secured from Secretary Bryan permission for the Japanese who are in Mexico, who is to leave that country, to find temporary refuge in the United States. It will become necessary to suspend the operation of the immigration laws in order to permit of the entry of these Japanese, who are mainly on the Pacific coast of Mexico.

PRISONERS MOVED FROM FORT BLISS

Washington, April 27.—Orders were issued by the war department today transferring the Mexican prisoners held at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Tex., to Fort Wingate, N. M. The war department believed it necessary to move the prisoners further from the

Mexican border in view of possible developments.

The third squadron of the Twelfth cavalry now at Fort Meade, South Dakota, will be sent to Fort Wingate to guard the prisoners.

The Mexican soldiers and other refugees, have been held at Fort Bliss since they fled across the border seeking refuge on American soil after the battle of Ojinaga.

The prisoners will be entrained at El Paso under a heavy guard from the Twentieth infantry, which will accompany them to Fort Wingate and turn them over to the cavalry ordered there.

RUMOR OF FIGHT IS GROUNDLESS

Federals, Who Burned Nuevo Laredo, Disappear—Monera and Camaron Battles Unconfirmed.

Laredo, Texas, April 27.—Retreating federals who burned Nuevo Laredo Friday seem to have disappeared, leaving the border in a state of nervous expectation, due to the skirmishing with the American border patrol here and attempts to dynamite the international bridge. A rumor today that the federals had been repulsed in an engagement with United States troops at Monera proved groundless. It was also said the federals had been defeated by the rebels near Camaron. Redoubled patrol guards are being maintained at all river points.

OIL INTERESTS ASK FOR HELP

Request Navy Department to Send American Force to Rescue of 100 Employees Below Tampico.

Washington, April 27.—The navy department today received a request from oil interests in New York with property in the Tampico oil district, that an American force be sent to rescue one hundred employees now on oil lands about 75 miles southwest of Tampico. The request states that the men are well armed but are unable to get to the American ships because of fighting between constitutionalists and federal troops about Tampico.

GENERALS ISSUE DRASTIC ORDERS

Washington, April 27.—American Consul Hostetter today telegraphed the state department that Generals Obregon and Alvarado of the Mexican constitutionalists had notified their forces in the state of Sonora that any demonstration against Americans and seditious speeches would likely lead to hanging.

Secretary Bryan said that he knew of no American citizen having been killed in Mexico or elsewhere in the Mexican republic within the last few days.

ZAPATA WILL JOIN FEDERALS

Southern Bandit With All His Chiefs and Followers Ready to Fight Foreign Invader.

New York, N. Y., April 27.—The Evening World today prints the following dispatch:

Mexico City, Mexico, April 27.—Preliminaries are being discussed today at Cuernavaca for the surrender of Emiliano Zapata, with all his chiefs and followers, who have expressed a desire to fight on the government side against the "foreign invader."

The capital is quieting down and there is no longer a rush of Americans to get away. A special train has been arranged to leave tonight with Americans desiring to leave, but not a few Americans. After inscribing their names on the roster of departure, reconsidered and have decided to remain.

There was little to differentiate yesterday from other Sundays in the capital. The city was quiet and orderly, and Mexicans in general were most considerate toward Americans. The churches were crowded and the streets presented their customary appearance. The theatres were well patronized.

Nearly all of the American stores have reopened and stores owned by persons of other nationalities have removed their shutters.

Vera Cruz, April 27.—The American flag was hoisted at noon today with appropriate ceremonies, over the headquarters of Rear Admiral Fletcher.

NEW YORK'S CAPTAIN GETS A LOVING CUP



Captain Rogers and his loving cup.

During the excitement of the war scenes which are being enacted at the Brooklyn navy yard, a group of women, headed by Mrs. George Bell Wallis, members of Frigate Constitution Chapter of the Daughters of 1812, took possession of the newly commissioned dreadnought New York, the mightiest fighting vessel in the world, and presented a loving cup to Captain Rogers, the captain of Uncle Sam's new sea fighter. The New York is expecting orders to steam to Mexico.

PRESIDENT HOPES TO END STRIKE

Personal Appeal Is Made to John D. Rockefeller to Settle Trouble in Trinidad.

SON HANDLES AFFAIRS

Federal Troops May be Sent to Quell Disturbances in Colorado Strike District.

New York, N. Y., April 27.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., told Congressman Martin D. Foster, chairman of the house committee on mines and mining, today, that he (Mr. Rockefeller) was in no position to arbitrate the labor troubles in the Colorado coal fields.

It was understood in diplomatic circles here today that Foreign Minister Portillo y Rojas of the Huerta government, was the official who had communicated with the Spanish ambassador here to signify the willingness of the Huerta government to accept the good offices of Brazil, Argentina and Chile. The communication was therefore considered as practically an official acceptance binding on the Huerta government.

Those who waited for a statement from Mr. Rockefeller were disappointed. His secretary finally came out and said that no statement would be issued at this time.

Truce Is Violated.

Senator Thomas, Representatives Keating and Taylor conferred among themselves and with the White House today. Representative Taylor today received a telegram from Governor Ammons requesting the Colorado delegation to advise the president, that the truce between the strikers and the state authorities had been violated, that the citizens of Canon City are in mortal terror, that the state militia is inadequate, that Trinidad is overrun with armed strikers, that the police and sheriffs are helpless and the citizens in imminent danger.

From other sources came messages that the militia is looting the strikers and that the federal troops would have "a wonderful effect" Governor Ammons, in another message, announced he would convene the legislature on May 4 to consider the situation.

Members of the Colorado delegation have been rushing messages to various points in Colorado to ascertain the actual situation.

New York, N. Y., April 27.—"I made no progress," said Mr. Foster after meeting with Mr. Rockefeller, later.

"Nothing has been accomplished here today. I see no hope that anything may be accomplished here in the immediate future. I don't expect to see Mr. Rockefeller again today and I shall return to Washington."

Washington, April 27.—President Wilson has made a personal appeal to John D. Rockefeller to bring about a settlement of the Colorado coal strike and end the violence which has cost a score of lives and large property loss.

The financier, who owns a large part of the mines affected by the strike, in response to a telegram from the president, declared he had turned over his interests in Colorado to his son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., whom he would ask to co-operate with Chairman Foster of the house committee on mines and mining. The president sent Mr. Foster to New York today to talk with the younger Rockefeller.

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MILITIA RETAKES MINING CAMP

Strikers Leave Chandler After Yesterday's Capture—Chase Parley With Leaders Unsuccessful.

Canon City, Colo., April 27.—Chandler, the mining camp captured yesterday by the strikers, was reoccupied peacefully today by the militia. Not a shot was fired. The mine buildings and houses were undamaged except for that wrought by bullets. The machinery was said to have been damaged considerably. Chandler was deserted when the militia arrived and no strikers were sighted in the surrounding hills.

At 9:30 the cavalry troop followed closely by four companies of infantry started on a reconnaissance in the direction of Chandler, under orders to provoke no trouble but to reply if fired upon, and not to attempt to retake Chandler by force. No strikers were found in that vicinity. It was probable that a small detachment would remain at Chandler until the residents, who were driven out yesterday in the battle in which one man was killed, had returned. The remaining militiamen were ordered to return to Canon City.

Chase Quits Residents.

The arrival of General Chase, early today, with 200 militia, had a quieting effect on the residents. An effort by General Chase to parley with leaders of a force of miners at Prospect Heights, a suburb, was unsuccessful.

E. Blatnik, a miner, was slightly wounded in the arm by a trooper while trying to escape, say militiamen. Blatnik had been arrested for carrying concealed weapons. He was lodged in jail.

Charles Veto, a miner, wounded in yesterday's fight, was brought to the hospital here today. Both his hands had been torn off by an explosion of his rifle.

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MEXICO CITY REOPENS LINES

Telegraphic Communication is Restored Between Mexico City and the World.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 27.—It is regarded here as significant that the restoration of the telegraphic communication between Mexico City and the rest of the world followed immediately after the return to the capital of General Ramon Corona, chief of staff of Provisional President Huerta.

General Corona has been informed by Captain Henry Huse, chief of staff of Rear Admiral Fletcher, that all Mexicans desiring to do so could leave Vera Cruz and would be provided with transportation. Captain Huse had urged General Corona to assure Huerta that the American admiral found nothing reprehensible in the action of the civilians of Vera Cruz in defending their homes.

At the meeting between Corona and Huse, all the formalities in connection with the flag of truce were carried out with exactness.

GO-TO-CHURCH IS A SUCCESS IN THIS CITY SUNDAY

All the Ogden ministers were greatly pleased with the success of the Go-to-church campaign yesterday as it brought out greatly increased congregations at the different services in all of the churches. At the morning services, in particular, was this noted and the attendance at the parents' classes in all the Mormon wards and sectarian churches was increased by nearly 50 per cent.

In the afternoon, upwards of 1000 persons attended the service in the Tabernacle and in the evening all of the churches in the city were well filled and some crowded with worshippers.

Rev. J. E. Carver of the First Presbyterian church stated that his church was filled at the morning service and a 40 per cent increase was noted by Rev. G. F. Russell at the service in the First Methodist church. Rev. H. D. Zimmerman of the First Baptist church said that his usually large congregation was augmented by the extra effort put forth in the "Go-to-church Sunday" movement. At the morning service in the Baptist church Rev. C. M. Phillips of the William Jewell college of Missouri was the speaker.

W. W. Fleetwood of the Episcopal church stated that the day had been a gratifying success and in the evening he addressed a large congregation at Plain City.

One feature connected with the increased attendance was the presence, not alone of many delinquent members, but of strangers as well.

WAR BULLETINS

New York, April 27.—The special service squadron's flagship, the battleship New York, with Rear Admiral Winslow's flag flying, left the Brooklyn navy yard on her maiden voyage enroute to active service in Mexican waters yesterday.

Brownsville, Texas, April 27.—Operation of the National railroad between Monterey and Matamoros was begun after the capture of Monterey by the constitutionalists. Traffic on the road was suspended a year ago.

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